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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) In a computer environment, a method for establishing a registered player set aside and registered player account, comprising:
 - receiving identification from a player;
 - determining whether the identification is valid;
 - obtaining the player's authorization to establish a registered player account;
 - registering the player;
 - establishing a registered player set aside; and,
 - establishing a registered player account, the registered player set aside increased by a predetermined portion of a registered player's purchase, the registered player set aside transferred to the registered player account, once the registered player's set aside amount reaches a predetermined threshold level in a predetermined period of time.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising registering a player.
3. (Currently Amended) A system for electronically establishing an account, comprising:
 - at least one identification device comprising means for a player to provide and electronic or digital signature indicating that the player have read and understood rules and regulations of a game of chance and/or account rules and/or regulations;
 - an account computer; and,wherein the at least one identification device and the account computer electronically communicate unique digital identifying information regarding a user.
4. (Original) The system of claim 3 wherein the at least one identification device is selected from a personal computer, a remote terminal, an electronic signature

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pad, a magnetic card scanner, an iris scanner, a finger print recognition system and a personal digital assistant.

5. (Original) The system of claim 3 wherein the unique digital identifying information is one of an electronic signature and a digital signature.

6. (New) The method of claim 1, the registered player account is at least one of a personal retirement account, a medical savings account, a real estate investment account, a small business investment account and an education savings account.

7. (New) The method of claim 1, the registered player account includes an account value and at least one of registered player identification number, registered player name, registered player address, registered player telephone number and registered player social security number.

8. (New) The method of claim 1, the purchase is a game of chance item associated with a state-sponsored lottery.

9. (New) The method of claim 1, the purchase is a game of chance item associated with a government agency.

10. (New) The method of claim 1, the purchase is a game of chance item associated with a private business.

11. (New) The system of claim 3, the at least one identification device coupled to the account computer *via* the Internet.

12. (New) The system of claim 3, the at least one identification device coupled to the account computer *via* a direction connection.

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13. (New) The system of claim 3, the at least one identification device coupled to the account computer *via* a local area network.

14. (New) The system of claim 3, the at least one identification device coupled to the account computer *via* a wireless network.